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LD311704 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 31 Mar 83

[Open letter addressed to UN Secretary General Perez de Cuellar from DRA National Fatherland Front -- date not given]

[Text] The DRA National Fatherland Front, which has united all strata of Afghan society and reflects the interests of the people of Afghanistan, wants to draw the attention of the secretary general to all the unprecedented interference in the internal affairs of Afhgnaistan, a sovereign UN member, which has been continued by the Ronald Reagan administration and is an open violation of the UN Charter, aims, and principles.

The aim of the slanderous propaganda issued by the White House on the occasion of the so-called Afghan Day and the provocative statement by Ronald Reagan is designed solely to encourage mercenaries and murderers to commit further crimes against the innocent people of Afghanistan and to cover the direct participation of international imperialism and reaction, headed by the United States, in the undeclared war against revolutionary Afghanistan.

We once again state that the national democratic April Revolution is a result of the natural development of the Afghan society and has been brought to victory in accordance with the will of the people of Afghanistan. The people of Afghanistan, arms in hand, defend the gains of the revolution which has attained eternal victory and nothing will be able to force the people of Afghanistan to abandon the path they have chosen.

Our people are not alone in their sacred struggle. Our great northern neighbor, the Soviet Union, and all progressive forces of the world are on our side.

We desire only to live in peace and in friendship with our neighbors and all countries of the world, to overcome as soon as possible the poverty and backwardness bequeathed to us by the past despotic regimes, and to bring prosperity to our country.

Mr Reagan who hypocritically expresses his sympathy for the people of Afghanistan, in practice, makes every effort for the continuation of bloodshed and subversion in Afghanistan. This provocative adventure of Mr Reagan will once again result in the shedding of blood of innocent Afghans, arson, and the destruction of mosques, hospitals, factories, and farms.

The Central Council of the DRA National Fatherland Front, while resolutely condemning the reckless interference of the U.S. President in our domestic affairs, asks you, Mr Secretary General, to make use of your authority and influence to put an end to the vain aggressive aims of the United States against the DRA.

[Signed] Saleh Mohammad Ziray, chairman of Central Council of DRA National Fatherland Front

FOREIGN MINISTER DEPARTS FOR GROUP OF 77 MEETING

LD311517 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1430 GMT 31 Mar 83

[Text] Shah Mohammad Dost, minister of foreign affairs, this morning left for Argentina at the head of a delegation to the Group of 77 countries' conference which is being held in Buenos Aires 28 March-9 April. He was seen off at Kabul airport by the deputy foreign ministers, deputy chief of protocol, and several high-ranking officials.

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GF021328 Jidda AL-BILAD in Arabic 29 Mar 83 p 1

[Text] Riyadh -- In an exclusive statement to AL-BILAD, Gulbuddin Hikmatyar, vice chairman of the general union of the Afghan mujahidin, revealed that the union had rejected an offer from the ruling regime in Iran to support the Afghan revolution with money, arms, and weapons.

He said in his statement that the union did not accept this offer because there is a fundamental disagreement with the ruling regime in Iran. The vice chairman of the union appealed to the Islamic states to feel responsible toward the Afghan mujahidin and to support them with arms. He added: We only need arms. If we only had that, we could have settled the issue in a few months. We have liberated 90 percent of our lands. Even the capital, Kabul, is about to fall, God willing.

The vice chairman of the Afghan union appealed once more to the Islamic states and asked them to offer materiel not moral aid. He said: If the Islamic countries don't respond to our call and support us, we only hope that we will not be forced to accept the offer from Iran, which wants to contain this revolution and use it for its own interests. He reaffirmed: "We are in great need of arms to defend ourselves."

In reply to a question about the U.S. proposals to resolve the Afghan question, the chairman of the mujahidin union, Shaykh 'Abd ar-Rasul Sayyaf, said: We will negotiate with the United States through gun barrels.

BARIALAY-LED DELEGATION LEAVES FOR GDR 3 APRIL

LD031811 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 3 Apr 83

[Text] Mahmud Barialay, candidate member of the Politburo and secretary of the PDPA Central Committee, left today, at the head of a delegation to the GDR to attend the international scientific conference to be held in Berlin on the occasion of the 100th death anniversary and the 165th birth anniversary of Karl Marx.

The delegation was seen off at Kabul International Airport by Mohammad Esma'il Danesh, candidate member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and minister of mines and industry; Mir Saheb Karwal, secretary of the Party Central Committee; members of the Party Central Committee and of the Council of Ministers; deputy heads of the international relations departments of the Party Central Committee; deputy ministers of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; deputy of the protocol department of the Ministry of Foreign affairs; and the GDR ambassador to Kabul.

AGRICULTURE MINISTER LEAVES FOR SOFIA TALKS

LD031831 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 3 Apr 83

[Text] 'Abdol Ghaffar Lakanwal, minister of agriculture and land reform, left today for Sofia at the head of a delegation to participate in the third session of the Afghan-Bulgarian joint commission for economic, technical, and scientific cooperation.

The delegation was seen off at Kabul International Airport by Sarwar Mangal, minister of higher and vocational education; officials of the Ministry of Agriculture; a repersentative of the protocol department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and the charge d'affaires of the Bulgarian Embassy to Kabul.

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KARMAL ATTENDS PDPA SESSION IN KABUL 3 APRIL

LD050630 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0424 GMT 5 Apr 83

[Text] Kabul, April 4, BAKHTAR -- An annual session of reporting on the work done by the party primary organization of the apparat of the Central Committee of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan was held here yesterday.

The session was attended by Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA CC and president of the Revolutionary Council RC of the DRA, some members of Politburo and Central Committee of the party, heads of the departments of the apparat of the Central Committee of the PDPA.

The session heard the basic report dealt with the work done and shortages existed in the work of the party committee in connection with the implementation of the decisions of the nationwide conference of the PDPA and the ninth and tenth plenums of the Central Committee of the PDPA. [sentence as received]

Later, the heads of the commissions and departments briefed the session on their accomplishments and presented to the session their views and proposals.

Speaking at the session, Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA CC and president of RC of the DRA, said: The sessions of reporting on the work done by all party organizations throughout Afghanistan are being considered as a major step for strengthening democracy within the party and for stepping up discipline in the party organizations.

Such sessions, Babrak Karmal noted, play a significant role in promoting the level of knowledge and political awareness of all party members. A significant element in the sessions of reporting on the work done was the active participation of workers and peasants in the sessions. He stressed that along with the growth of democracy, the principle of democratic centralisation must not be forgotten under the prevailing conditions that we are confronted with [in] the undeclared war of reaction and imperialism.

Another important point, he noted, is the development of a system of self-criticism which is being put in practice at these sessions and [which] gave to the participants of the sessions the opportunity of finding their faults and mistakes and the [word indistinct] rectifying them.

The session obligated a party committee of the primary organisation of the apparat of the PDPA CC to make the plan of carrying into effect the directives made by Comrade Babrak Karmal at the session.

AFP: 100 TO 300 SOVIETS BURIED IN AVALANCHES

OW041818 Hong Kong AFP in English 1748 GMT 4 Apr 83

[Text] Islamabad, April 4 (AFP) -- Between 100 and 300 Soviet soldiers died when four military posts were buried by avalanches in the Salang area, northern Afghanistan, late last month, resistance sources said here today.

The posts were in the Doshakha region, just 50 meters (yards) from the southern end of the strategic Salang tunnel, where several hundred Soviet troops were killed in a convoy accident last year, they said. The avalanche also damaged a bridge on the main Kabul-Heratan highway, the sources said. Western diplomats also reported the closure of the road that was first reported last month by Kabul radio, which cited avalanches as the cause without giving casualty figures.

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ARMY CALLED IN TO RESTORE ORDER IN ASSAM AREAS

BK061606 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 6 Apr 83

[Text] The Army was summoned today to maintain law and order to control the situation in parts of Sidli and Kakrajhar police station areas in Goalpara District following outbreaks of group violence and arson in the past 2 days. Official reports in Guahati say that six persons were killed in the incidents on Monday night and early yesterday. The mob also set fire to about 1,000 houses in a cluster of 12 villages rendering some 4,000 people homeless. One person was killed when the police opened fire to disperse a violent mob indulged in group attacks and arson. The state education minister, Mr Mukot Sarma, and the irrigation minister, Mr Z. Islam, today visited the affected villages in the area and met the victims. They also supervised the relief operation.

MINISTER CITES LOSSES DUE TO ASSAM AGITATION

BK061449 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 6 Apr 83

[Text] The Lok Sabha was informed today that the agitation in Assam has affected the economic and financial well-being of the state. In a written reply, the industries minister, Mr Narain Dutt Tiwari, said that the estimated loss of petroleum and fertilizers would come to 12.72 billion rupees. Due to the disruption of the rail movement, the railways suffered a loss of 320 million. Several projects have been delayed resulting in considerable cost escalation. Mr Tiwari however said that the state government is making every effort with the full support of the center to restore peace and normalcy in Assam.

SIKH LEADER REJECTS RENEWED OFFER FOR TALKS

BK061325 Hong Kong AFP in English 1246 GMT 6 Apr 83

[Excerpt] New Delhi, April 6 (AFP) -- The top Punjab Sikh leader today rejected the federal government's renewed offer to resume talks with them as tension in the border state still simmered following Monday's violence.

"We cannot hold your hand when you are holding the rifle in your other hand," Sant Harchand Singh Longowal, chairman of the Sikh's Akali Dal Party, said in a press statement at Amritsar in Punjab today, the PRESS TRUST OF INDIA (PTI) reported.

Federal Interior Minister Prakash Chandra Sethi said in the parliament lower house yesterday that the government was always ready to resume talks with the Sikhs on their political and religious demands.

GANDHI COMMENTS ON 'GENUINE' SIKH GRIEVANCES

BK061618 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 6 Apr 83

[Text] The prime minister has expressed her sympathy with the families of those killed in the incidents of violence in Punjab during the rasta roko [road blockade] agitation by Akalis on Monday.

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LD072249 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 7 Apr 83

[Text] A meeting of party activists from all party organs of KHAD [state information services] was held this afternoon at the KHAD conference hall. Present at the meeting were Comrade Najibollah, member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and head of KHAD; Najmoddin Khawiani, member of the PDPA Central Committee and head of the Central Committee Organization Department; and Comrade Faruq, member of the Central Committee and head of the Political Department of the Internal Affairs Ministry.

The meeting opened with the playing of the Internationale. Comrade Hashmatullah Kayhani, candidate member of the Central Committee and head of KHAD political affairs, then read the basic statement of the meeting. He also informed those present of the political and operational activities accomplished by KHAD organs during the year.

Another nine people then discussed the basic statement and explained various aspects of the tasks of the KHAD party organs. In these statements, the tasks of KHAD organs concerning the further implementation of the resolutions of the PDPA conference and announcements, guidelines, and decisions of the leading authorities were positively assessed.

At the conclusion of the speeches, the work of the meeting was positively evaluated by Comrade Najibollah.

Highlighting the April Revolution and its aims and referring to the important tasks of the PDPA and those of the KHAD organs, Comrade Najibollah said: Criminal imperialism, led by bloodsucking U.S. imperialism and its regional collaborators, must have understood that infiltrating counterrevolution into our country cannot, as they had planned, foil the revolutionary process of Afghanistan. The April Revolution is moving ahead. The plans and designs of the counterrevolutionaries have been in vain.

In another part of his speech, Comrade Najibollah said: The masses are at the center of attention of the party and the revolution. PDPA members are dutybound to spread political work among the people for their further organization and to explain to them the true essence of the April Revolution in accordance with the guidelines of the PDPA congress. He added: The enemy has been weakened and is breathing its last breath of life. We have the duty to eliminate the final remnants of counterrevolution, to help the country to prosper, and to open the path of prosperity and comfort to all of our persecuted people. The revolution is for the comfort and prosperity of the people. Thus, the people ought to be prepared for the realization of the aims of the revolution.

A resolution by the party activists of KHAD was then unanimously approved and the work of the meeting was concluded with the playing of the Internationale.

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ENVOY TO POLAND -- The People's Republic of Poland recently accepted Mohammed Faruq Karmand as the DRA's ambassador-designate to Poland. [Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 3 Apr 83 LD]

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